

# WILL BUILD ITS OWN DAM

P. & P. Co. Rejects All Bids for the Work.

TO FURNISH CITY POWER

The Carnival Under the Auspices of the Firemen's Relief Fund Opens for a Week—Talk of an Independent Candidate for Legislature.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, VA., September 28.—The Virginia Passenger and Power Company will build its dam across Appomattox River at this city, all bids having been rejected. The dam will be forty feet high, forty-three feet thick and nearly a mile long. More than 40,000 barrels of cement and 2,000 carloads of sand will be necessary in its construction. It is estimated that the building will cost about \$1,000,000. The power house at the locks near the city will develop about 5,000 horse power, and a still larger plant at the dam, seven miles beyond the city, will develop more than 7,000 horse power, giving a combined electric power of about 12,000 horse power. A line will be built from Richmond to Petersburg to transfer electricity, and it is estimated that enough power will be developed in this city to supply both Richmond and Petersburg. The canal from the dam to the city will be about 12 miles long, the dam to the locks, seven miles long, deep. The work of widening and deepening the canal is now being done by Lane Brothers, contractors.

**MAHONEY'S BRIGADE.**  
Colonel W. H. Mahoney, a Portsmouth, was delighted with his visit to Petersburg Saturday in the interest of holding a reunion of the survivors of Mahoney's Brigade, who participated in the battle of the Crater, July 30, 1864. Colonel Mahoney commanded the Sixth Virginia Infantry in that battle. He is the chief officer of the Crater bionnades that have been formed in several localities, having originated the scheme for a reunion. He is enthusiastic in pushing the movement to success. Of the 30 men in Mahoney's Brigade, he says, about 200 are now living. One feature of the reunion will be the marching of the line over the ground upon which they marched to the Crater forty years ago. There will be a roll call by the company of men of Mahoney's Brigade.

**YOUNG MEN IN TROUBLE.**  
Morris Murphy and James M. Young were arrested Saturday night on the charge of having broken into the store of Mr. W. W. Blevins, of Halifax street, and the bicycle store of Sam Liebert and Southall's blacksmith shop. Young said he had nothing to do with the robbery and tried to dissuade Murphy from his purpose. The Mayor sent Murphy on to the Corporation Court and dismissed Young.

The carnival, under the auspices of the Firemen's Relief Fund Committee, opened this evening. It will be continued throughout the week. There seems to be a great deal of interest in the city, and large crowds are expected to turn out. The contest for the queen continues, and votes are being liberally cast.

The Democrats next Friday evening held ward meetings for the election of members of the City Council Committee. Three will be chosen from each ward.

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.**  
Runners of an independent candidate for the Legislature from Petersburg continue, but it is hardly likely that any candidate will run with hope of success. There are 2,200 registered voters in the city. Of this number 1,000 participated in the recent primary, each of whom pledged himself to support the regular Democratic nominee, so that none of these voters will support an independent candidate. There is nothing to indicate that Mr. John Watson will not be the representative from Petersburg.

Rev. J. T. O'Connell yesterday celebrated his eighteenth anniversary as pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in this city. Father O'Connell has done a splendid work in Petersburg. During his ministry his congregation has built one of the most beautiful churches in Virginia, and his membership has largely increased. Father O'Connell is honored and beloved by the entire community.

Roper and Company are now in their large, new warehouse on Union Street. This company has been established since 1860, and is one of the oldest wholesale firms in the State. They recently occupied double three-story stores on Symmes Street, but their business having grown to such proportions, and an additional warehouse being necessary to the handling of the goods, the company determined to build a warehouse on Union Street of sufficient size for the handling of all shipments.

The warehouse is Nos. 14, 15 and 16 Union Street, and is two stories high, running along the Atlantic Coast Line for more than 200 feet. Several cars can be loaded and unloaded from their private siding.

The stores on Symmes Street formerly occupied by Roper and Company will now be occupied by Mr. H. P. Harrison, wholesale confectioner, in this city. Mr. Harrison is a business man of long standing, and will probably be

# REMBERTON PRICE & CO.

## Beatitudes in Business.

"Kind words are more than Coronets,  
And simple faith than Norman blood."

Many and varied have been the kind words said and the kind acts done since the new firm started. Thus encouraged, we shall prove worthy.

The "simple faith" we have reposed in the equity and good sense of our public has been fully repaid even now. Old friends have been loyal and new patrons are daily being added. "A new broom sweeps clean," especially in old and capable hands. Now seems the fitting time for tidying up the home, and we simply suggest

### Curtains.

Nottingham, old and tried,  
\$1.00 to \$5.00.  
Irish Points, ornate and worthy,  
\$5.00 to \$10.00.  
Arabians, rich in tone, \$0.00 to \$10.00.  
Tambours, popular at all times,  
\$5.00 to \$15.00.

Renaissance, rich and chaste,  
\$25.00 to \$35.00.

Among these are found many unique and bizarre patterns, "catchy" and "fancy" from within and without the home.

### Oriental Silk Blankets.

These came across the water at our special command, and the time are bewildering and bewitching.

They mean a trifling outlay in

money, and their beauty adds to the snugness at home.

Silk Blankets, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.50 and \$4.50. Come and have the first glimpse.

### Horse Show Finery

means so many things that we cannot enter into all the details:

GLOVES, all lengths and shadings, only in worthy goods and our own importations, \$1.00 to infinity.

SILK NETS, in the fine filmy kinds, and the smart lattice patterns, range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

CHIFFON and MOUSSELINE DE SOIE we have in standard goods at 50c. Compare the quality with the price.

HOSIERY GALORE, in Cardigans, Coppers, Whites and Fancies. Note the new Reds.

309 East Broad Street.

quartered there by the end of the week. The mortality report for the month of September shows the total number of deaths in Petersburg to be 32; whites 15, colored 15. It is a remarkable fact that for several months past the rate of mortality has been greater among the whites than among the negroes. As far as is known there has not been among the negroes in this city any cases of diphtheria, which has been prevalent among the whites. The rate of mortality for the past month for the white population was 18 per thousand per annum, among the colored 12 per thousand per annum.

Messrs. Reinhold Rogers and Churchill Chamberlayne, who have been spending several months abroad, have returned to Petersburg.

Mr. Lewis Chamberlayne, one of the professors at the Southern Female College in this city during the past season, left to-day for Philadelphia, Pa., where he will teach in the Chestnut Hill Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carpenter, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Moulter, in this city.

Mrs. R. A. Gamble has purchased privately from Mrs. Anna Jones the handsome brick residence on Marshall Street, now occupied by Mr. E. C. Kent.

Thirty-four colored persons were baptized in Disberry Creek in Chesterfield county yesterday.

E. J. Archer, a well known colored barber and local preacher, is dead at his home in Pochontas. Archer was thrown from an electric car about two weeks ago and sustained injuries which resulted in his death.

**HALIFAX COUNTY COURT**

Grand Jury Indictments and Petitory Verdicts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HOUSTON, VA., September 28.—County Court was in session to-day. Judge Barksdale presiding. A special grand jury was impaneled and found true bills for felony against Thomas J. Hudson for attempted criminal assault on Mrs. Mary E. Martin.

Mack Coleman, colored, for felonious shooting and Lella Hopkins, for breaking and entering the dwelling of Dr. J. A. Allen and stealing sundry dresses.

D. R. Farley, charged with putting spikes in the track of the Southern Railway, was adjudged to be of unsound

mind and was ordered to be committed to one of the hospitals for the insane.

Henry Hill, charged with shooting Policeman Thomas Chandler, was found guilty and sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

The case against Thomas J. Hudson was continued until the November term on account of the absence of a material witness for the defense.

Mack Coleman will be tried to-morrow.

### TWO OF THE KILLED

Dan P. Flory and Paul M. Argenbright, Natives of Rockingham.

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HARRISONBURG, VA., September 28.—Dan P. Flory and Paul M. Argenbright, who were killed in the Southern wreck, near Danville Sunday, were both natives of this county. Flory was twenty-three years of age, and entered the mail service when eighteen years old. He was hurt in a wreck near Lynchburg in March, 1928, and at the time of his death had a suit for \$3,000 damages pending against the Southern.

He has two brothers in the mail service, one on the Southern and the other on the Chesapeake Western. The funeral will be held to-morrow at Mill Creek Church, in East Rockingham, near where he was born. The body arrived this afternoon.

Argenbright was thirty-five years of age, and had only been in the service since last Christmas. He was formerly a magistrate and school teacher of this county and resided at Mt. Clinton. His wife and one child survive him. The arrangements for the funeral have not been made as the body has not been brought here.

Painter—Topley.

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SHENANDOAH, VA., September 28.—William C. Palmer and Miss Katie Topley, both of Edinburg, Va., were married at the residence of Mr. Eugene Telford, in Shenandoah, Va., Sunday night, September 25th, by Rev. D. S. Hensel.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN.—David Gritt, a watchman at the Federal Soldiers' Home, was shot and killed to-day by Policeman George Allen. Allen claims he had a previous difficulty with Gritt over the arrest of Gritt's son on a trivial charge. Allen claims self-defense.

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DANVILLE, VA., Sept. 28.—South bound train No. 97 of the Southern Railway jumped the track yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and fell through the Stillhouse trestle, a short distance north of this city, on the Virginia Midland division of the system, and without a moment's warning the entire train was precipitated to the bottom of the ravine, about fifty feet deep, and practically demolished. Nine persons were killed and seven others were badly injured, one probably fatally.

The dead are: Engineer J. A. Broady, Saltville, Va.; Fireman A. J. Clapp, Greensboro, N. C.; Conductor J. Blair, Danville, Va.; Mail Clerk J. L. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; Mail Clerk S. Chambers, Midland, Va.; Mail Clerk D. Flory, Midland, Va.; Mail Clerk P. N. Augenbright, Mount Clinton, Va.; Flagman J. S. Moody, son of Mail Clerk Thompson.

The injured are: Mail Clerk Louis W. Salter, Massena, Va.; Frank E. Brooks, Charlottesville, Va.; Percival Henderson, Washington; Charles E. Reames, Culpeper, Va.; Jennings J. Dunlap, Washington, D. C.; M. C. Maupin, Charlottesville, Va.; and J. Harrison Thompson, St. Luke.

The train was bound for New Orleans, La., and was known as the Southern mail express. It left Washington yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, carrying local and Northern mail for Southern points. It was made up of four mail cars and one express car. The run from Washington to Danville ordinarily consumes about six hours. As No. 97 is a mail train it is required to keep to the schedule as closely as possible. Its speed yesterday was not above the ordinary, and as it approached Danville Engineer Broady, who lost his life, reduced the speed to about thirty miles an hour, as required by his orders.

Just north of Stillhouse ravine the track takes a sudden turn. This curve had been pointed out to the train as it approached the trestle. When within a hundred feet from the trestle the engine jumped the tracks and ran along the cross-ties. As it was about to pass onto the bridge the engine careened, striking the wooden supports of the bridge structure. The impact was terrific. Four supports, each thirteen feet long, were greatly weakened and gave way under the weight of the engine.

The engine fell through the opening, followed by the five cars, and landed in the mud at the bottom of the creek. The engine was partly buried by the weight of the cars which fell on top of it. Although the engine was not badly damaged, the cars were reduced to a great mass of broken wood and twisted steel and iron.

**WRECK TAKES FIRE.**  
When the cars struck the bottom of the ravine the mail bags from the mail cars were torn to pieces, and letters and parcels flew in every direction. The wreckage immediately took fire, but the flames were extinguished before they gained any headway by the fire department of Danville, Va., which had been summoned. No mail, it is thought, was destroyed. The contents of the express car were scattered about in great confusion, and were practically destroyed.

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CONDEMNNS A BAD HABIT

Sailors to Take \$2,500 in the Stock of the Jamestown Exposition—The Atlantic Hotel to Open Under Old Management.

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NORFOLK, VA., September 28.—The battleship Maine, with the Board of Inspection, headed by Captain Charles J. Train, passed out the capes this morning for great gun tests at sea. At the commandant's office here, it is stated that she will bring the board back before starting for Culebra.

Rev. J. P. Barrett, for many years pastor of the Memorial Christian Temple, this city, and Rev. J. J. Taylor, pastor of the Freeman Street Baptist Church, each preached his farewell sermon yesterday. Dr. Barrett goes to Covington, O., and Dr. Taylor assumes the presidency of Georgetown, Ky., College.